

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 5, 8-30, 32, 37-41, 43, 44, and 46 will remain pending in this application with claims 12-26 and 28-30 having been withdrawn. The changes to the claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's express indication that claims 5, 8, 11, 27, 32, and 38 are allowed.

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Claims 9, 10, 41, 44, and 47 were objected to for containing arduous language. In response, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, the objection is overcome and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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Claim 37, 39, 40, 43, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 , second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, the word "a" has been replaced by "the" in claim 37 and claim 39 has been amended to clarify the metes and bounds of the claim. Hence, this rejection has been accommodated and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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Claims 43 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 , first paragraph, for purportedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claim 45 has been canceled. Moreover, claim 43 has been amended and fully complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Hence, this rejection is overcome and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.


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Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objection and rejections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.195.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.195.

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